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REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 USC 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after Jun 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application No.	09/502,834
Filing Date	February 11, 2000
First Named Inventor	Kodama et al.
Group Art Unit	1711
Examiner Name	D. Truong
Attorney Docket No	203924

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000). 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on March 24, 2003.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- Other: Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132

b. Enclosed

i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	04/25/2003 HDEMESS1 00000001 121216	09502834
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	01 FC:1801	750.00 CH
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)		
iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Form PTO-1449	04/25/2003 HDEMESS1 00000001 121216	09502834
v. <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of documents listed in Form PTO-1449	02 FC:1251	110.00 CH
vi. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132		

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)

b. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

c. Other:

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The following fees are enclosed:

i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee of \$750.00 (large entity) required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)	\$750.00
ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-month extension of time fee of \$110.00 (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)	\$110.00
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action fee of \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(i))	\$0.00
iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	\$0.00

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED

\$860.00

b. Check in the amount of \$ enclosed

c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above fees to Deposit Account No. 12-1216

d. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the above fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 12-1216

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	John Kilyk, Jr.	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	30,763
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Signature		Date	April 23, 2003
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this RCE Transmittal and all accompanying documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on April 23, 2003, in an envelope as "EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" service under 37 CFR 1.10, Mailing Label Number EV 195511795 US, addressed to: Box RCE, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Name (Print/Type)	Rick D. Madsen
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Signature		Date	April 23, 2003
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